

BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES  
2011 Executive Order 29 Recommendation #3  
Care Center Staffing

1. **OBJECTIVE:** Ensure that state veterans care centers have the required personnel and financial resources to delivery quality care to residents.
2. **BACKGROUND:**
  - DVS operates two veterans care centers – in Richmond and Roanoke.
  - The 240-bed Virginia Veterans Care Center (VVCC) in Roanoke has 260 authorized full-time positions. The VVCC includes 120 skilled-care beds, 60 beds in the Alzheimer's/Dementia unit, and 60 assisted-living beds.
  - The 160-bed Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center (SBVCC) in Richmond has 233 authorized full-time positions. The SBVCC includes 120 skilled-care beds and 40 beds in the Alzheimer's/Dementia unit.
  - A 40-bed addition (skilled care beds) is planned for the SBVCC. Design work will commence this fall. Construction will likely begin in summer 2012 and be completed in March 2013.
  - Staffing ratios per resident are higher for skilled care beds than for assisted living beds, which accounts for the higher staffing ratios at the SBVCC than at the VVCC.
3. **DISCUSSION:**
  - The VVCC and SBVCC both have adequate staffing and spending authority to meet current (FY12) service levels.
  - SBVCC will require additional staff and appropriation (spending authority) in late FY13 and ongoing for the 40-bed addition.
    - 51 additional full-time positions will be needed.
    - \$2,700,000 in additional appropriation (spending authority) will be required.
4. **RECOMMENDATION:** That the Governor's budget proposal include an authorization for 51 additional positions and \$2,700,000 additional appropriation in FY13 for the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center addition.